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## Note verbale dated 2 April 2001 from the Permanent Mission of China to the United Nations addressed to the Department for Disarmament Affairs of the United Nations Secretariat, transmitting drafting proposals on the revised draft Programme of Action (A/CONF.192/PC/L.4/Rev.1)

The Permanent Mission of the People's Republic of China to the United Nations presents its compliments to the Department for Disarmament Affairs of the United Nations Secretariat and has the honour to transmit the amendments of China on the Chairman's revised draft Programme of Action (A/CONF.192/PC/L.4/Rev.1) (see annex).

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**Annex**

**Proposed amendments submitted by China to document A/CONF.192/PC/L.4/Rev.1**

Preamble

Para. 6:

Reaffirming our respect for and commitment to the basic norms of international law and the principles enshrined in the Charter of the United Nations including the sovereign equality of States, the peaceful resolution of **international** disputes, non-intervention, and non-interference in the internal affairs of States.

Para.20:

(a)

Strengthening or developing **measures** ~~norms~~ at the regional and national levels that would reinforce and further coordinate efforts to prevent and combat the illicit trade in small arms and light weapons in all its aspects.

(c)

Placing particular emphasis on the regions of the world where conflicts come to an end and where serious problems with the **illicit trade** ~~proliferation~~ of small arms and light weapons have to be dealt with urgently;

## Section II

**Para. 9:**

To assess applications for export authorizations according to strict national ~~or regional~~ criteria that cover all categories of small arms and light weapons.

**Para. 10:**

To put in place laws, regulations and administrative procedures to ensure the effective control over the transfer of small arms and light weapons, including the use of ~~authenticated end user certificates~~ **effective documents of certification, such as end-user certificates**, and enhanced legal and enforcement measures.

**Para. 12:**

To develop national systems **in accordance with specific national conditions** for regulating the activities of those who engage in arms brokering. Such a system could include measures such as registration of brokers, licensing or authorization of brokering as well as the ~~criminalization of~~ **penalties for** all illicit brokering activities performed in their jurisdiction.

**Para. 14:**

To ~~treat~~ **take all necessary measures, including legal or administrative means, against** any ~~transfer of small arms and light weapons~~ **activity** that violates a United Nations Security Council arms embargo ~~as a crime, and to ensure that this is reflected in their domestic laws~~.

**Para. 18:**

To destroy surplus small arms and light weapons using ~~internationally accepted and effective procedures and in accordance with~~ effective and environmentally sound procedures. Surplus weapons retained for other purposes will be permanently disabled and decommissioned.

**Para. 19:**

To encourage States, in the interests of awareness-raising and confidence-building, to carry out, **where possible,** public destruction events.

**Para. 26:**

To strengthen and establish, where appropriate and as agreed by the States concerned, ~~regional and subregional~~ moratoria **in affected regions or subregions** on the transfer and manufacture of small arms and light weapons and/or regional action programmes to...

**Para. 27:**

To establish, where appropriate, subregional or regional mechanisms, in particular transborder customs cooperation and networks **without prejudice to national security or commercial concerns** for information-sharing...

**Para. 30:**

To develop, **on a voluntary basis,** appropriate measures...

**Para. 35:**

To ~~develop~~ **study the feasibility of developing** international arrangements and a legally binding instrument to enable the timely and reliable tracing of lines of supply **of illicit small** arms and light **weapons** by relevant authorities.

**Para. 37:**

To ~~develop~~ **promote** common understandings ~~of~~ **on** the basic issues and the scope of the problems related to illicit arms brokering with a view to ~~regulating~~ improving the regulation of the activities of those engaged in arms brokering.

## Section III

**Para. 12:**

States undertake to exchange information, **on a voluntary basis and without prejudice to national security,** on their national marking systems on small arms and light weapons.

## Section IV

**Para. 1(c):**

To strengthen ~~and further develop~~ **the implementation of** measures contained in the Programme of Action, including ~~negotiation~~ **the study of the feasibility** of **developing** an international instrument to identify and trace the lines of supply of **illicit** small arms and light weapons.

**Para. 1(d):**

To ~~consider the elaboration~~ **study the feasibility** of **developing** an international instrument to restrict the production...